Control of Inmate Movement

510.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process for the safe and secure movement of inmates between areas within the facility and transportation from the facility to court, medical appointments or other jurisdictions.

510.2 POLICY

The staff should be vigilant in the control and movement of inmates between areas within the facility and when transporting inmates outside the secure confines of the facility. Control may be by direct or indirect visual observation. All staff should consider all inmate movement as a high-risk activity. The staff should be aware of their surroundings at all times and take necessary steps to prevent the possession and exchange of contraband.

510.3 MINIMUM STAFFING FOR TRANSPORTS

The following minimum staffing requirements will be adhered to for all transports with the exception of Court

- a. One (1) Deputy may transport up to five (5) minimum custody inmates or three (3) medium custody inmates.
    - If there are no more than three (3) medium custody inmates, the Deputy may transport a combination of up to three (3) medium custody inmates with up to an additional two (2) minimum custody inmates (i.e. 3 medium/2 minimum).
- b. Two (2) Deputies may transport up to five (5) medium custody inmates or:
    - # Any combination of medium/minimum custody inmates for a total of five (5) inmates.
    - # Up to three (3) maximum/administrative segregation custody inmates.
    - # The driver’s primary responsibility will be to safely operate the vehicle while scanning the outside environment.
    - # The Transport Deputy in the passenger seat will be primarily responsible for observing the inmate(s) during transportation as well as scanning the external environment in close proximity of the transport vehicle.

Court Transports:

Court transports, specifically to and from the TCCF secured sally port to the Satellite Holding Facility secured sally port, will adhere to the following minimum staffing requirements:

a. Two Deputies may transport up to twelve (12) minimum and medium inmates, providing all twelve inmates are housed in Dormitories.

b. A single Deputy may transport up to eight (8) minimum and medium inmates, providing all eight inmates are housed in Dormitories.

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NOTE: For purposes of Court transports, all inmates housed in "C" Unit will be considered maximum security, including minimum and medium inmates.

All inmates being transported to and from Court will be dressed in jail uniforms The Court Transport Deputy in the passenger seat will be primarily responsible for observing the inmate(s) during the transport, as well as scanning the external environment in close proximity of the transport vehicle.

510.4 MOVEMENT OF INMATES

Movement of one or more inmates in the facility should be done in an orderly manner with inmates walking in a single-file line. Staff members should have situational awareness during the movement of inmates and should consider the design of the facility, areas of poor visibility, and the presence of other inmates being moved. The staff should avoid areas where inmates may have access to contraband items.

Unescorted movement:

No more than five (5) inmates from a Dormitory walk in the halls unescorted. An exception to this would be when several inmate workers are moving, as a group, to their assigned work areas. The Dormitory Deputy may after they advise Central Control and the Kitchen of the number of inmates who will be reporting to work, allow the inmates to walk unescorted to the Kitchen where Food Service staff will meet them and conduct another count.

a. Fifteen (15) inmates from the same classification can move from one point to a specific location in the TCCF, the classroom across from Major Control, or the Kitchen with observation from staff in the hallway.

b. Remind the inmate(s) that they are to move directly (no loitering) to their destination in single file and without talking to other inmates moving with them or that they pass in the hall. Ensure the inmate understands they are not to stop along the way to their destination unless directed to do so by a Corrections member.

Inmates from the C unit regardless of classification should be restrained during movement. These higher-risk inmates will be in handcuffs, waist chains, and leg irons. In accordance with *State v. Jackson*, 467 P.3d 97 (Wash. 2020), internal court movement can be limited to hand restraints behind the back.An exception to this procedure is when an inmate has a physical disability where restraint devices may cause serious injury. Pregnant inmates shall be moved in accordance with the Use of Restraints Policy (RCW 70.48.500).

Whenever a high-security inmate is not able to be restrained, the staff should compensate by utilizing reasonable alternatives that ensure the safety of the inmate and members. It may also be necessary to increase the number of staff present to ensure the safe movement of high-security inmates.

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The staff should be watchful in and around passageways and ensure that sallyport doors are secured to prevent escape.

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